



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of December 17, 2015, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- B. Special Education Budget Items
- C. Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Search Update
- D. Parent Involvement in Team Placement Decisions
- E. Parent/Guardian Observation Guidelines
- F. Further Discussion of Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Decision RE: Public Review of Private Settlement Agreements (Michael Champa vs. Weston Public Schools & Others)
- G. Next Parenting Support Hour 10:30 a.m. February 3rd at the Acton Memorial Library

IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings RE: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process

VI. Adjournment

All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website (www.abspedpac.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

VII. Next Meeting

Business meeting Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Please note this meeting will be followed by a Friends of AB SpEd PAC meeting.